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By: Timothy S. Parker**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Steven T. Kunitake, et al.

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SECTIONS DURING
IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37
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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed June 22, 2005, which set September 22, 2005 as the initial deadline for response. Thus a petition for a one month extension of time until Saturday, October 22, 2005 is provided herewith. This reply thus believed to be timely filed on Monday, October 24, 2005.

Claims 1-20 are pending and have been rejected. Reconsideration in light of the claim revisions and remarks that follow is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.